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### Garrett - Experience To Serve

I bring knowledge, experience, commitment and ideas to the Board of Education. Elected in 1996 and 2002 to the Board of Education, I chaired the important Special Programs Committee for 4 years where I was instrumental in supporting improvements in Special Education, the Gifted and Talented Program, Hawaiian Studies, and the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program. Over the years, I have been without a doubt the primary voice for students with disabilities, at-risk youth and Hawaiian language programs on the BOE.

I have a diverse background from the business, government and community sectors. My experience includes: former executive director of a large, multi-million dollar private non-profit agency; former researcher in the Office of the Lt. Governor (Cayetano) and former Chief Budget Analyst to the Senate Judiciary Committee; volunteer director with the civil rights organization Japanese American Citizens League-Hawaii; sibling of a person with mental retardation (deceased) and past executive director for an agency that provided services for adults with mental retardation.

Over the years, I have supported and will continue to support the following issues: early childhood education; smaller class size; alternative learning centers; A-Plus Program; safer schools; better pay and working (and learning) conditions in schools; students needing special education and gifted and talented education; and preserving the Hawaiian culture thru language immersion and study.

Lastly, as a public school graduate (Roosevelt High School) I take extreme pride in our schools and strive to make them better for today and the future.

